

**EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116
GROUP ART UNIT: 1742
PATENT**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Tomantschger

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: Group Art Unit: 1742

Serial No.: 09/579,531

: Examiner: S. Ip

Filed: May 26, 2000

For: Perforated Current Collectors for Storage Batteries and Electrochemical
Cells, Having Improved Resistance to Corrosion

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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated June 28, 2002, the period for response to which has been extended to October 28, 2002, by filing a Petition for a One Month Extension of Time and paying the required fee. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claim 17 without prejudice or disclaimer with respect to the subject matter recited therein.

Please amend the below claims as follows:

1. (Twice amended) A method of manufacturing a metallic current collector

for use in an electrochemical or galvanic cell, comprising the steps of:

(i) perforating a solid, flat metal strip using a continuous process that results in deformation of the strip at least locally near the perforations, wherein said deformation expressed by the ratio of the strip thickness before and after deformation

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